1500 Deer Killed In Bath Co.

Seventy-five years ago, a party of sportsmen from Lexington and Rockbridge, Virginia, hunted for one week in Bath County and killed one deer! Seventy-five years later, in just one week from November 19 through November 24, over 1,500 deer were killed in Bath County!

This is indicative of the record-breaking deer-kill Virginia is experiencing this year, and fragmentary reports coming into the offices of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries place the kill west of the Blue Ridge Mountains in excess of 11,000, with more than 2,800 taken in Shenandoah County alone. On the strength of this, it is estimated that the close of the 1956-57 season on January 20 may well see a record statewide harvest of 20,000.

In the early 1930's, that area west of the Blue Ridge supported a deer herd of fewer than 500 animals. This was due principally to destruction of habitat, strong armies of meat hunters, and the absence of protective measures and any defined propagation program. These were remedied soon afterward, however, when an awakened interest in the preservation and management of our natural resources became in evidence nationwide. In Virginia, laws protecting doe deer, the establishment of national forests, fire control measures, and an overall emphasis on conservation practices, in combination with the Commission's restocking program, saw the re-establishment of our deer so steady an increase that the present white-tail population is estimated at 150,000. To date, about one-half of the state's 18,000 square miles of deer country is now fully stocked, and regulations have been set by the Commission so that a maximum harvest may be realized.

The major management problem facing game technicians today is that of promoting a quality herd by keeping the deer within the carrying capacity of respective rangelands. This will result in increased size and weight and appreciably better antler growth. Too, browse destruction of farm crops may be held to a minimum, and does having access to good quality food will experience a higher fertility rate, a higher rate of conception, and accordingly, increased fawn production.

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A HAPPY Christmas

We wish all our friends a heart-warming holiday, full of joy and good fellowship!

J. T. IRBY
SHOE SHOP
Appomattox, Va.

Appomattox H. S. Honor Roll

There were 121 students from Appomattox High School on the honor roll for the second six week period. Only those making an average of an 88 on all their subjects are eligible for the honor roll.

Those eligible for the honor roll for the second six week period are as follows:

12th grade: Ann Abbitt, Barbara Almond, Bradley Babcock, Bobby Barger, Gene Carson, Fountain Conner, Ottie Conner, Yvonne Ferguson, Roberta Franklin, Aline Gunter, Frank Hanenkrat, John Ivey Holland, Sam Kerr, Nancy Martin, Janice McClenny, Jane Moore, Thomas O'Brien, Dorothy Painter, Buddy Poe, Joan Weeks, and Barbara Wooldridge.

11th grade: Lois Ashworth, David Austin, Rachel Austin, Ruth Austin, Laura Carson, Jacqueline Cobbs, Moses Dinkins, John Evans, Helen Franklin, June Harper, Thomas Holland, Carrie J. Inge, Ralph Inge, Jean Justice, Raymond Massie, Luther Reynolds, Rosa Lee Shelton and Charlene Thomas.

10th grade: Peyton Abbitt, Shirley Burge, Dan Coleman, Ann Cunningham, Peggy Godsey, Clarence Grisham, Walter Hancock, Jerry Harvey, Jack Henry, Helen Martin, Virginia Megginson, Glen Morris, Mary Edith Ranson, Frances Sandeen, Erma Shelton, Jack Tibbs, Dennis Torrence, and Louise Wood.

9th grade: Penny Abbitt, Jo Ann Beamer, Emily Burke, Carole Fay Couch, Audrey Evans, Nancy Evans, Mildred Franklin, Lyle Garrett, Patsy Gilbert, Charles Gills, Hazel Hammock, Billy Harper, Linda Hunter, Carolyn Jones, Percy Lescado, Anne Martin, Joan Martin, Sandra Pillow, Myron Richardson, Elouise Rosser, Steve Runkle, Linda Sarver, Douglas Seamster, Charles Shirey, Johnny Taylor, and Brian Thomas.

8th grade: Linwood Allen, Betty Alvis, Thomas Ashworth, Larry Bingham, Cary Carson, Harriette Carson, Harold Carter, Ronald Carter, Harold Conner, Estelle Covington, Franklin Dillard, Mary Garrette, Robert Garrett, Teddy Garrett, Dicky Guill, Roberta Gunter, Donald Gurney, Howlette Hunter, Linda Jamerson, Bennie Kerr, Barbara Jean Lee, Gerald Leffers, Carrie Martin, Faye Martin, Cecil May, Eva Moore, Ann Ranson, Eleanor Richardson, Robbie Lou Robertson, Kathryn Routon, Billy Slagle, Helen Snow, Hunter Tolley, Larry Torrence, Phyllis Thompson, Carol Ann Webb, and Fatay Wilcox.

NOT SO GOOD

Santa Monica, Calif.- Mrs. Nina Uding did so well with her driving lessons that recently she and her husband, Nick, bought themselves a new car. Then, out for a drive, the car hit a dip in the road, climbed the hood of a parked car, bounced into the rear of another parked car. While no one was hurt, use Uding's new 1957 sedan was wrecked. Mrs. Uding, weeping, said she'd got her foot on the accelerator instead of the brake pedal.

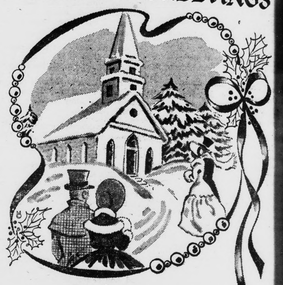
DODGE WASPS

Orangevale, Calif.- Deciding to burn a swarm of wasps out of a hole, William Pettigrew inserted a burning gasoline-soaked rag into the nest with a stick. The wasps, enraged, headed for their attacker. Pettigrew fled, dropping the burning wad and setting a field ablaze. It required firemen from three trucks, careful to keep clear of the angry insects, to put out the fire.

HONEYMOON DELAYED

Sparta, Wis.- The honeymoon had to be postponed when groom Donald L. Peters, 21, fell in the church after the ceremony and re-fractured his left leg. He had originally broken his leg in an automobile accident.

YULETIDE GREETINGS



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Gladness in your heart, joy in your home and good cheer wherever you go...all these we wish for you, this holiday season. May the Yuletide be one you'll long and happily remember.

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BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Lesson Scripture: John 1:1-18; 1:29-34
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7.

When God Came

For December 23, 1956

ONCE upon a time, so runs a modern legend, there came a rumor to the ears of all the angels that God himself was going to visit one of his dominions known as the Earth. Some of the angels had never before heard of the Earth, but others had been on errands thither, and they shared so much enthusiasm for it in legends as to convince that there was going possibly of infinite worth, they do not see eye

Dr. Foreman

Should God Come to Earth?

"The earth is too small," said one angel. "I have seen the place and it would be lost in a corner of it. Why should the Almighty busy himself about the place?" "It is more than small," said another angel. "It is wicked." "What is 'wicked'?" said an angel who had never seen sin.

"It is hard to explain," said the angel. "You will not believe that there are beings on that so called Earth who do not our will. They do not even wish it. Some there are who doubt that he exists. And some hate him and call him stupid and

"I do not believe it," said the angel."

"It is true none the less," said the older one.

"Then the Lord will descend in wrath and destroy that evil place," said the young angel. "Amen," many others together.

"It has come to my ears," said one who had not spoken, "that this is not in wrath but in mercy. He is going to win back to himself those who have rebelled."

"But how shall he do this?" said the chorus. "He has tried before, these many times," said one who remembered. He has sent messages by us his angels, he has spoken by poets and preachers and

prophets and saints. He has shown them what is good, and if men will not believe Moses and the prophets would they listen to the voice of the very God?"

Shall the Most High Come to Earth?

"And if he came in his infinite mercy, how would they endure the sight?" asked another. "Angels hide their faces before him; how shall mortal man look upon the face of God and live?"

"I have heard," said one, "that he is to go as a man. I do not know how this can be, but this I have heard."

"What manner of man?" said others. "And how will he come?" said others. One spoke: "Surely he will be born in a king's palace."

"And it not easy to believe, at best, if God appears in lower than the highest human place, there will be some to believe it is He. If they speak now to him as a man they will never kneel to him as God."

"Yes," said another angel, "men are oppressed by their kings. If he comes from a royal place they will see him for another tyrant. What men respect is wisdom. He must be born to learning, he must be acquainted with all the books wise men have written, he must be a graduate of the schools, a philosopher."

"And so," said others. "Scholars are tedious to most people. Human beings are like children. If God is to have their eye and ear he must dazzle them by amazement. Let him come from a golden cloud at dawn, let him work almighty miracles, let him turn stones into bread and water into silver. Let him be richest of men, dispensing wealth to all. So they may believe."

The Word Became Flesh

But God, who had not sought the counsel of his angels, took his own unique way. He came not in a golden cloud but in darkness with only a star for light. He came not to a palace or university but to a woman untaught, unknown; not to a home of wealth but to a couple so poor they could not pay for a room in a village. He summoned no crowds to witness his coming. A certain poor shepherds heard of it, and of a few wise men from a far land came to see, it was not his mother who told the news. There are many doors into human hearts, and some of them are deep and shadowy. And what the angels did not know, the Lord on High knew: that men who live in a darkened world would never be saved by a God who feared to walk in darkened ways.

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa Clause,
I am 3 1-2 years old and have tried to be a good girl this year. I am spending Christmas with my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Doss, so please come to see me at their house. I would like for you to bring me a Betsy-Wetsy Doll with bottle and clothes, a doll stroller, and a doll bassinette. I will leave you something to eat on the kitchen table. Don't forget to visit my cousins, Pat and Ken, and all the other boys and girls, and my dog, Peggy.
Love,
Linda Earle Barron.

Spout Spring, Va.

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm nine years old. Please bring me a dress, a skirt and blouse for Christmas. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas. Please remember the poor children.
Love,
Kathy Caldwell.

To Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas.
I want a Dump Truck, and expansion band Watch. And I want a pair of boots, some squibbs, and some good things. Thank you a lot. If you can't bring all, bring what you can.
Richard Lee Martin,
Oakville.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good little girl this year, so please bring me a Betsy-Wetsy doll, table and chairs, and a cowgirl suit. I would like to have some candy and nuts, too. And please don't forget all the other little girls and boys.
Love,
Diane Henkiel. Age 2 1-2.
P. S. Tell Rudolph hello for me.

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PLAN NEW BUILDINGS AT MADISON COLLEGE

A low bid of $1,187,000 for construction of two four-story dormitories at Madison College was submitted last week by the Nielsen Construction Company of Harrisonburg.

Bids were opened on the same day on construction of a shop-storage building and a new athletic field on the back campus.

Each dormintory will house 180 students and will contain many space saving improvements. Among these is a central lounge and kitchen and a large study hall in each dormintory.

The limestone buildings will be constructed on the south side of Madison's 260-acre campus and completion date has been set at July 15, 1958.

President Eisenhower has named Dr. Lawrence G. Derthick, now superintendent of schools at Chattanooga, to be the new United States commissioner of education.

Greetings

Best wishes for this joyous season to all of our very good friends and patrons.

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